

(WASHINGTON, DC) - U.S. Representative Chet Edwards today announced that the College Station Fire Department has been awarded a \$254,732 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG). The firefighter grant enables local fire departments to use the funds for training, equipment, and health and safety modifications to fire stations and facilities.

*"I am thrilled that the dedicated firefighters at the College Station Fire Department will receive this important funding," **said Edwards.** "This will enhance the ability of our local firefighters to upgrade important equipment, prevent fires, and protect the community."*

**Bart Humphreys, spokesman for the College Station Fire Department** said, *"The College Station Fire Department is very excited to be awarded an operations and safety grant through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. These grants impact the daily safety and security of our citizens and those who respond to assist them in their time of need. We greatly appreciate the support that the College Station Fire Department, and the American fire service as a whole, has received from Congressman Edwards."*

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program is administered by the Department of Homeland Security's Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness (SLGCP) in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA). The AFGP program assists rural, urban and suburban fire departments throughout the United States by improving effectiveness of firefighting operations, firefighter health and safety programs, and fire prevention programs.

Edwards is a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee.

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